

## **Present at Creation\***

### **The Evolution of the Office of Science and Technology Office of Technology Development**

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#### **Abstract**

This paper and panel presentation will discuss the origination of the Environmental Restoration and Waste Management Organization's concept of the need for technology development to achieve EM's mission. The paper will attempt to identify the early identification of the concept and trace the evolution to the current aspect of reality. The paper will address the early phase of criticism, the development of technology needs, road maps, and human resources.

This paper will discuss the development of the Office of Technology Development within the Mission Statement of the five year plan, Admiral Watkins initiatives, and some of the successes and less than successes including the Bliley investigation. Molten metal and the developing DOE credibility gap and the spinoffs from to the Office of Science and Technology. The discussion will cover the good, the bad, and the ugly with a perspective of the initial concept and the current reality in from today's situation in tight budgets and insatiable need, and a biased analysis of future needs for planning based on return on investment "drivers."

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